

Leicester, Monday eve. 4th Nov. 1844.

My dear Sir,

Your friendly & welcome letter of the 1st came to hand today. We are truly obliged to you & your wife for your sympathy and thought for us. You will be glad to hear (as perhaps you will have heard, before receiving this) that we too have become the parents of another child, a boy apparently strong & healthy, and certainly hearty. He was born on Wednesday 30th October. Sarah's sickness was a pretty hard one, but she has been very rapidly recovering from it; we could not have desired to have her get along better. She has a most excellent nurse, one with ~~which~~ whom (so far) she is entirely satisfied - I should judge, very much such a one as you describe the nurse to be who took care of Cousin Lucretia. We feel greatly obliged to you for informing us of the nurse at Leighton. It may be that we shall yet be glad of her services, as the nurse now with us has an engagement ^{made} prior to ours, which may call her away in a fortnight, but we hope not for a much longer time. We are glad to hear that Cousin L. is doing well, and hope that you will all have much comfort & happiness in your little boy. You do not speak of his name - perhaps have not determined upon one. We have not, for ours.

My father informed me by letter, a few days since,

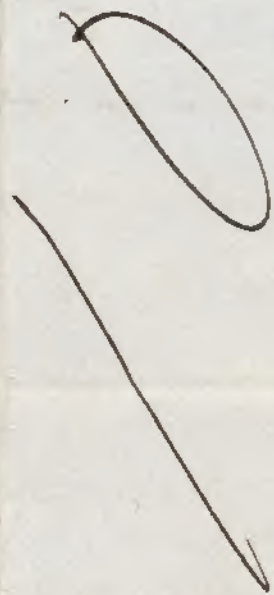
that you were going to Syracuse. I shall be sorry to have you away from Massachusetts connexions and affairs, but otherwise am glad that you are going. I think you will find it a pleasant & encouraging field of labour; and the being subjected, as probably you will be, to ~~a~~ new kinds of trial in some respects is no disadvantage. It will have the effect of variety, at least. Why can't you give us a call as you go along? My wife will be glad, & hopes to be quite well enough, to see you. Previous to your departure for S., I expect to be in Boston - on Monday & Tuesday, or Tuesd. & Wednesday, of next week.

As to the matter of the letter, &c. I had a letter on Saturday from Mr. Chapman, saying she had heard of a letter of mine, &c. &c. (describing it), and that in her opinion its publication "could not fail to do good", and asking it for the "Standard". I had made up my mind to comply with the request. The letter was written for publication, and I supposed would be ^{published}. I am sorry it was not published, at the time, (a year ago) in England. Then its argument, or statements, would have come up for investigation in our meetings last Spring. I have never moved an inch to obtain its publication here - but now that it has been asked for, without any agency of mine, I am not at all disposed to withhold it. - I suppose I had quite as lief it would appear in the "Chr. World" first -

though G. G. C. would demur a little to it, I think. Why ~~did~~ he not ask for it last spring? I think he was present, when it was read. No matter for that, however. If you think it decidedly better it should appear in the "World", and G. G. C. is perfectly willing to publish it, and will do so without any deprecatory remarks preceding it, but let it have a fair chance, and take what criticism and ~~attack~~ objections may be made to it or upon it in a regular way - (I don't care, mind you, how severely it is attacked) - then I will consent to its publication ~~to have it go on appear~~ in the World. And yet I must once again qualify this. Should you think it worth while to see G. G. C. about this, pray ascertain whether he was present when I read the letter in the Berry W. Vestry. If he were present, & therefore knew ^{at the time} of the existence & contents of the letter, I am not disposed to send it first to him now, when asked for for another publication. If he had wanted it, or felt any way desirous or willing to publish it, why not ask for it at the time? If he were not present, and knew nothing of the letter, and you still think decidedly that it had better appear first in the World, I shall probably so decide.

Something should be done about the negligence (to give it a light name) of the bantees appointed at Berry W. last ~~March~~ April to obtain signatures, & forward our Reply to England. That Reply, which was pronounced ready to go the 1st of June, lay slumbering - perhaps in Mr. Lathrop's "breacher-pocket" -

all summer - then was got ready to be sent by 1st Octo. Ship,
but being carried to Harnden a day too late could not go then,
and so waited till 16th Octo. Ship - if indeed it went then. I
presume it did, but would not stake much upon it. Mr. Heston
was one of the Committee. I wish you could get the reasons of
the delay from him. S. K. L., writing to me, said it would take too
much time to give them. They owe a public statement of



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their reasons for such an unexpected & unaccountable delay, both
to the large meetings whose honors they are, and to the Unitarian
Ministers of Gr. Britain who were to be addressed. It must not
lie as it is. Perhaps they have sent to England, with the Reply, some
justification of the delay. It ought to be made known here.

With my love, & Sarah's, to Cousin L. and all yours, I am Yours affectionately
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